UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MIKEISHA BLACKMAN, et al.,))
Plaintiffs,)
V.) Civil Action No. 97-1629 (PLF)
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, et al.,)
Defendants.)))
JAMES JONES, et al.,))
Plaintiffs,)
V.) Civil Action No. 97-2402 (PLF)
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, et al.,)
Defendants.)))

ORDER

Upon consideration of the Joint Motion for Briefing Schedule filed on July 12, 2006, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. The parties will simultaneously file briefs on the issue set forth in section XI of the proposed Consent Decree – namely, "Are the Defendant[s] legally responsible for ensuring timely hearings and timely implementation of HODs and SAs for charter school students?" – on August 18th, 2006.

2. The Public Charter School Board and any other person or entity wishing to be heard on these issues shall file a motion for leave to intervene or for leave to file an *amicus* curiae brief, along with a brief on the merits of the issues, by September 1, 2006.

3. The parties will simultaneously file their responses to each other's filings and to any other filings on September 18, 2006.

SO ORDERED.

/s/____

PAUL L. FRIEDMAN United States District Judge

DATE: July 12, 2006